

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of  
HEALTH for the URBAN DISTRICT of DRIFFIELD for  
the year 1937.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1937.

1. General Statistics. Area (acres) 2420. Average number of persons per inhabited building 3.43. Total number of separate occupiers 1783. Rateable value £26,106. Sum represented by a penny rate £101.

2. Extracts from vital statistics. The Registrar General estimates the resident population at 6,131.

Births. During the year there were 94 births registered (37 males and 57 females) compared with 103 (60 males and 43 females) last year. Legitimate 89 (35 males and 54 females). Illegitimate 5 (2 males and 3 females). The birth rate was 15.33 per 1000. Last year it was 16.90. For England and Wales the birth rate was 14.9 per 1000 total population. Still births in the District 7 (4 legitimate males and 1 legitimate female - 1 illegitimate male and 1 illegitimate female)

Deaths. During the year there were 90 deaths (46 males and 44 females). The death rate was 14.67 per 1000. Last year the death rate was 15.82 per 1000. The number of deaths of infants under 1 year was 4 (2 males and 2 females). The death rate of infants under 1 year was 42.55. For England and Wales it was 58 per 1000.

The causes of death were:-

	Total	Males	Females
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	-	-	-
Other Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Diphtheria	3	-	3
Diabetes	-	-	-
Cancer, malignant disease	15	10	5
Cerebral haemorrhage &c.	9	3	6
Heart disease	23	13	10
Bronchitis	2	1	1
Other respiratory diseases	1	1	-
Pneumonia (all forms)	3	2	1
Congenital debility and malformation) premature birth	2	1	1
Senility	10	3	7
Other deaths from violence	8	5	3
Influenza	3	1	2
Other defined diseases	11	6	5
Deaths of infants under 1 year (Legitimate)	4	2	2
Deaths of infants under 1 year (Illegitimate)	-	-	-

3. Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1937.

	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths.
Diphtheria	10	10	3
Scarlet Fever	26	26	-
Puerperal Fever	1	1	-
Pneumonia	20	Not known	3
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Other diseases generally notifiable (specify disease)			
Erysipelas	1	-	-

Tuberculosis

New cases and mortality during 1937



Age periods	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>				Non-	
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		M	F
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65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2

The efficiency of notification of Tuberculosis in the area is well maintained.

4. There are no arrangements for professional nurses. The Driffield Nursing Home is private and supplies nurses to subscribers. Two C.M.B. Nurses are now working in the District.

Maternity and Child Welfare. There is a Home in Driffield with 12 beds for lying-in cases. There is also a Maternity Ward in the Driffield Public Assistance Institution.

Tuberculosis Clinics. Clinic belonging to County Council available twice a week in Beverley.

Veneral Diseases treated in Hull Royal Infirmary and York County Hospital free of charge.

Bacteriological Examinations carried out at the Clinical Research Association, London, and Scarborough North Riding Laboratory.

Hospitals. The Sanatorium at Raywell belonging to the County Council is open to the district and East Riding generally. There is an Isolation Hospital for infectious diseases at Driffield open to the East Riding.

Small-pox. The County Council has a Smallpox Hospital at Shipton for the whole district. There is a Motor Ambulance kept in Driffield for cases of infectious diseases.

Schools. The sanitary condition and water supply (which is from the mains of the Driffield Water Company) of the Public Elementary Schools is good.

#### 5. Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no important extension of sewerage during the year except in cases where required in course of minor building operations. The arrangements for sewage disposal are maintained in an efficient manner and analysis of the effluent shows it to conform to the standard of the Royal Commission. The Filtration Area is maintained in a very satisfactory condition and sections of the irrigation trenches have been reconditioned, a new concrete contact bed made and the settling tank capacity increased during the year.

#### 6. Water Supply.

There has been no important extension of the Public Water supply during the year except where required to meet minor building operations. The water supply is good, the principal supply being from the Driffield Water Company's mains which is adequate in amount and satisfactory in quality. A recent analysis of the Company's water shows it to be a drinking water of excellent purity. Samples of water sent for analysis every three months. There are about 276 pumps in the District supplied from wells or bores and the conversion of existing pump supplies to the piped supply is slow owing to the purity of the pump supply.

#### 7. Housing

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| Have Building Byelaws been adopted?                      | Yes. |
| Number of new houses erected during the year             |      |
| (a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b)) | 52   |
| (b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts         |      |
| (i) By the Local Authority                               | 12   |
| (ii) By other bodies or persons                          | Nil  |



<u>(1) Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year:-</u>	
(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	84
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	96
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.	84
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	96
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation.	6
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	35
<u>(2) Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices:-</u>	
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	8
<u>(3) Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-</u>	
(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	29
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a) by owners	29
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	-
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	4
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a) by owners	4
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	-
(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	11
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	9
(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act 1936:	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	-
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	-
<u>(4) Housing Act 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.</u>	
(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	14
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	14
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	89
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	-
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	-
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	-
<u>8. Dwellinghouses disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious diseases</u>	53
do. after Phthisis	-
Schools disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious diseases	34
Privies converted to W.C.s.	11
Prives converted to Pail Closets	-
Offensive trade inspections	41
Total number of nuisances found	9
Total number of nuisances abated	9



<u>9. Water Supplies</u>		
Houses newly supplied from water mains		56
New wells made		Nil
New bore-wells made		Nil
Wells closed - water unsafe		Nil
Samples of water sent for examination		3
<u>10. Dairies and Cowsheds</u>		
Number of Dairies and Cowsheds in the District on Register		29
Number of Cows		164
Visits to Cowsheds		48
Visits to Dairies		48
Defects found		5
Defects remedied		5
<u>11. Slaughter Houses</u>		
Number on Register		9
Number of visits to Slaughter Houses		52
Number of defects found		3
Number of defects remedied		3
<u>12. Common Lodging House</u>		
Visits to Lodging House		52
Number of defects found		4
Number of defects remedied		4
<u>13. Canal Boats inspected</u>		31

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

5th July, 1938.

